

HOUSE RESOLUTION 94  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Michael Oakley for his great courage and heroic actions.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the safety of their fellow citizens, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, 16-year old Michael Oakley of the Swift community in Hardin County is one such courageous Tennessean who recently risked life and limb to save the life of a man; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2005, Michael Oakley was the first person to come upon a two-vehicle head-on collision on Old Town Loop in Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, hearing the cries of Eric G. Alexander, who was trapped in his burning Chevy pickup truck, Michael Oakley, with no thought to his own well being, attempted to pull Mr. Alexander out; and

WHEREAS, unable to open the driver's door and battling the heat from the flames, Michael Oakley had the presence of mind to run to a neighbor for assistance and together they were able to pull Mr. Alexander to safety through an opening in the driver's side window; and

WHEREAS, Michael Oakley's grandmother, June Griffin of Dayton, Tennessee said, "...it was the providence of God that put Michael in the right place at the right time."; and

WHEREAS, a young man of incredible valor and unwavering bravery, Michael Oakley risked his own life that April evening to save the life of a fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the son of Deborah Oakley who is a First Responder, Michael Oakley clearly demonstrated bravery and self possession far in excess of what might be expected from one so young but is indicative of his family's selfless service to others; and

WHEREAS, the actions of this outstanding young man are clearly deserving of special recognition and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Michael Oakley from Hardin County for his courage and resolve in the face of imminent danger, commend him for his selfless actions in saving the life of a fellow man, and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.